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SUBJ: NEW PAO/WARSAW CALL ON AMBASSADOR SZEWCZYK, DEPT IIN MFA

1. AMBASSADOR ZDZISLAW SZEWCZYK, MFA NORTH AMERICAN DIRECTOR, DURING A PROTOCOL CALL BY THE NEWLY ARRIVED PAO, PROTESTED A JULY 31 RFE BROADCAST ON US-POLISH RELATIONS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY EXERCISED BY THE BROADCAST'S TREATMENT OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. SZEWCZYK SAID THE BROADCAST QUOTED A NYT STORY (PRESUMABLY THE DAVID ANDELMAN ARTICLE) SAYING THAT ONLY A FEW CASES HAVE BEEN SOLVED. ON BOTH, US-POLISH RELATIONS ON GENERAL AND DIVIDED FAMILIES SZEWCZYK SAID, "RFE IS WRONG," FOR OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP IS VERY GOOD". ON THE DIVIDED FAMILY QUESTION, THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID, IT WAS IRRESPONSIBLE FOR RFE TO AIR SUCH A STORY WITHOUT CHECKING THE DEPARTMENT TO GET THE FACTS. THE FACTS ARE, SZEWCZYK SAID, THAT NOT JUST A FEW DIVIDED CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. BUT MANY.

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2. SZEWCZYK WAS IN AN ANGRY MOOD WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE RFE BROADCAST, CALLING THE RADIO STATION "AN IRRITATION." HE NOTED THAT THE MFA COLLECTS DATA ON DIVIDED FAMILIES FROM THROUGHOUT POLAND WITH SOME EFFORT. THE MFA FEELS THAT BY PROVIDING THE EMBASSY WITH THE INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY

TO INFORM THE AMERICAN MEDIA IN GENERAL AND THE USG
MEDIA IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS ON
THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE TOLD SZEWCZYK THAT WE KNOEW THE DIVIDED FAMILIES
ISSUE WAS A DIFFICULT ONE, THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF
DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF WHAT CONSITUTED A DIVIDED
FAMILY, AND THAT ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED TO VISITING
NEWSMEN BY THE EMBASSY ALWAYS WAS "STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FACTS."

4. IN THE INTERESTS OF EFFECTIVE QUIET DIPLOMACY WE DO
NOT GO INTO DETAILS OF DIVIDED FAMILIES OR STATISTICS
WITH AMERICAN NEWSMEN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE US WITH A TRANSCRIPT OF
THE JULY 31 RFE BROADCAST ON THIS SUBJECT.
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